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Letter dated 23 September 1991 from the President of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to kindly circulate the Final Communiqué of the meeting of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia, held in Pattaya from 26 to 29 August 1991, as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 24, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) NORODOM SIHANOUX
President of the Supreme
National Council of Cambodia

ANNEX

FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE SUPREME NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CAMBODIA

I. The Supreme National Council (SNC) of Cambodia held its meeting in Pattaya (Thailand) from 26 to 29 August 1991 under the very high chairmanship of H.R.H. Samdech NORODOM SIHANOUK, President of the SNC. The Representatives of the two Co-Chairmen of the PICC and of the Secretary-General of the United Nations were also present as observers.

The Supreme National Council unanimously agreed on the following:

1. **On the control of the cease-fire and cessation of foreign military assistance**

H.R.H. Samdech NORODOM SIHANOUK, President of the SNC, sent to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, a letter dated 26 August 1991 which reads inter alia: "The SNC of Cambodia, anxious to ensure that the Council's decision on the cessation of hostilities and of foreign military aids be fully implemented by all parties to the conflict and to speed up the UN peace process, earnestly request that Your Excellency be kind enough to do all the necessary to have at least 200 UN personnel sent to Cambodia as "observers" in September 1991 in order to assist the SNC in controlling the cease-fire and the cessation of foreign military assistance, as a first step within the framework of a comprehensive political settlement."

2. **On the arrangements of all forces of the Cambodian parties**

Upon the proposal of H.E. Mr. JEAN DAVID LEVITTE, Representative of France and Co-Chairman of the PICC:

- All forces of all Cambodian parties shall be reduced by 70 per cent. Arms, ammunition and equipments of these forces shall be reduced by 70 per cent as well.

- The remaining 30 per cent of these forces will be regrouped and relocated to specifically designated cantonment areas under the supervision of UNTAC. While these forces are in the cantonments, their arms, ammunition and equipments will be stored on site under UNTAC supervision. These remaining arms, ammunition and equipments should not be allowed out of cantonment areas.

3. **On the relationship between the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia and the SNC**

The Supreme National Council (SNC) will offer advice to UNTAC, which will comply with this advice provided there is a consensus among the members of the SNC and provided this advice is consistent with the objectives of the Agreement on a comprehensive political settlement. The Secretary-General's Special Representative will determine whether such advice is consistent with this Agreement.

If there is no consensus on any given matter among the members of the SNC, H.R.H. Samdech NORODOM SIHANOUK, President of the SNC should make every endeavour to reach a consensus on such a matter. In case it is still unattainable, H.R.H. Samdech NORODOM SIHANOUK, President of the SNC, shall be entitled to make the final decision, taking fully into account views expressed in the SNC.

This mechanism will be used to resolve all issues relating to the implementation of this Agreement which may arise between the Secretary-General's Special Representative and the SNC.

4. **On the political system**

- In the future, Cambodia will adopt a system of liberal democracy and multi-party. Each Cambodian citizen will enjoy the right to association and to form political parties.

- In order to be able to take part in the elections, each political party should have at least 5,000 members.

5. **On human rights and principles for a new constitution for Cambodia**

- The sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) of article 15 of Part III of the 26 November 1990 Draft Agreements reads as follows: "The other Signatories to this Agreement undertake to promote and encourage respect for an observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cambodia as embodied in the relevant international instruments and relevant resolutions of the UN General Assembly in order, in particular, to prevent the recurrence of human rights abuses."

- The paragraph 2 of Annex 5 of the 26 November 1990 Draft Agreements reads as follows: "Cambodia's tragic recent history requires special measures to assure protection of human rights. Therefore, the constitution will contain a declaration of fundamental rights, including the rights to life, personal liberty, security, freedom of movement, freedom of religion, assembly and association (including political parties and trade unions), due process and equality before the law, protection from arbitrary deprivation of property or deprivation of private property without just compensation, and freedom from racial, ethnic, religious or sexual discrimination. It will prohibit the retroactive application of criminal law. The declaration will be consistent with the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international instruments. Aggrieved individuals will be entitled to have the courts adjudicate and enforce these rights."

3. **On the question of rehabilitation and reconstruction**

The SNC requested H.R.H. Samdech NORODOM SIHANOUK, President of the SNC, to address a letter to the UN Secretary-General. The letter, dated 29 August 1991, reads inter alia:

"The SNC agreed to request Your Excellency to kindly consider the provision of assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Cambodia at the earliest possible date. This UN assistance is urgently required for the repairs and rehabilitation of roads, bridges, airport facilities, port facilities and railway lines."

7. The SNC agreed to issue the passport of the SNC. The modalities will be determined by the Secretariat.

II. The Supreme National Council of Cambodia expressed its warmest thanks to His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen of the Kingdom of Thailand, H.E. Mr. ANAND PANYARACHUN, Prime Minister of the Royal Thai Government and all other Thai officials without whose generous assistance and hospitality this SNC meeting could not have been crowned with this success. The Cambodian nation and people remain profoundly indebted to the Kingdom of Thailand for her generosity, compassion and tremendous efforts she has made for the Cambodian national cause.

III. The SNC expressed deep appreciation and gratitude to all friendly countries and Governments the world over for their efforts in the search of a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodia conflict.

IV. The SNC addressed its gratitude to the UN Secretary-General for sending a survey team to Cambodia in reply to the letter of 16 July 1991 of H.R.H. Samdech NORODOM SIHANOUK, President of the SNC, and to the two Co-Chairmen of the PICC as well as to their Representatives for their cooperation.

V. The SNC also expressed its gratitude to H.E. Mr. RAFEEUDDIN AHMED, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. JEAN DAVID LEVITTE, H.E. Mr. S. WIRYONO, Representatives of the Co-Chairmen of the PICC, and their collaborators for their assistance.

VI. The SNC expressed its gratitude to the five Permanent Members of the UN Security Council for the time and efforts they have been devoting to finding at an early date a lasting comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodia conflict.

Done in Pattaya, Thailand, 29 August 1991

- President of the SNC:

H.R.H. Samdech NORODOM SIHANOUK

- Members of the SNC:

H.E. Mr. DITH MUNTY

H.E. Mr. HOR NAMHONG

H.E. Mr. HUN SEN

H.E. Mr. IENG MOULY

H.E. Mr. IM CHHUN LIM

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